

Community Newsletter

November 2021 Edition



Mayor's Note



I hope that this note finds you enjoying the beautiful fall colors on full display in Lakewood. This is one of my favorite times of year to enjoy our community.

November is one of the busiest times in Lakewood. Later this afternoon, we will cut the ribbon on Clifton Prado Park, one of Lakewood's unique pocket parks. Once again, our Public Works department deserves praise for overseeing needed improvements and installation of new equipment for the community to enjoy. Be sure to stop by and check out Clifton Prado Park for yourself.

On Thursday, November 11th, we will honor the men and women who have served our country at our annual Veterans Day ceremony. We had to pause this celebration in 2020, so I am excited that we can gather again to celebrate our veterans. I hope to see you there at Lakewood Park.

This month also marks budget hearings, and our award-winning finance department has been working closely with each department to develop a budget that reflects our community vision, values, and priorities. Our goal is to remain fiscally responsible while also seizing opportunities to take on transformative projects that improve the quality of life for all Lakewood residents. Despite the financial challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented, we expect to finish the 2021 fiscal year in a strong financial position.

Finally, I am looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. It will be a special one in our family with baby Maggie's first Thanksgiving celebration. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Meghan F. George

Upcoming Events & Updates

Coffee with a Cop - November 8 -Grab a cup of coffee and have a chat with members of the Lakewood Police Department on November 8th from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at Einstein Brothers Bagels, 14615 Detroit Avenue.

November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony

Community members are welcome to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at Lakewood Park from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

December 4 - Light Up Lakewood

The most joyous of Lakewood traditions is returning to Downtown Lakewood for the 15th annual celebration on Saturday, December 4 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. For event details, click [here](#).

Reminder - No Refuse/Recycling Collection on Thursday, November 25

Households that normally have their refuse/recycling collected on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday should place their refuse/recycling out one day ahead of their normal collection day.

Calendar of Events

Register for the Home Alone Workshop

H₂O is hosting one more **HOME ALONE** workshop in 2021, November 16th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Garfield Middle School.

HOME ALONE is a safety course open to Lakewood youth ages 9-12 and their parents. Young attendees rotate through six topics, all designed and presented by high school leaders to be effective and engaging.

Parents hear from safety experts and first responders, receiving up-to-date and relevant information. The goal is to empower youth and launch safety conversations within the home. Information and registration found [here](#).



Municipal Parking Lot Update



Example (Left): Directional sign along edge of lot



Example (Below): Internal contactless payment zone sign

The City of Lakewood has updated its parking payment system in Downtown Lakewood for city-owned lots A, B, and C, located behind buildings on the north side of Detroit between Gladys and St. Charles. Moving forward, the City is working with Park Mobile to provide several contactless payment options for parking in these lots while also maintaining a select number of meters to accept coins from those who prefer to pay in cash.

As part of the update to the municipal lots, new signage is also being installed both inside and along the edges of the

lots. The signs along the edge of the lots intend to provide clearer guidance for patrons towards the different parking options provided in each lane – whether for contactless payment, coin-operated meters, or city-issued parking permit spaces. The internal signs designate permit areas and provide instructions on the use of contactless payment methods. Contactless payment areas are broken into numbered zones (top of sign) that correspond with specific time limits of 2, 4, or 10-hours (bottom of sign).

As part of implementing the new system, the City continues to work with LakewoodAlive to engage Downtown Lakewood business owners and learn more about parking usage, preferences, and customer needs. The use of Park Mobile in Lots A, B, and C will be evaluated to test and refine the benefits of the app as the City considers expanding the contactless payment options citywide, including to all City-owned lots and as an added option for existing street parking meters across Lakewood.

Key Points:

- Parking is enforced Monday through Friday, 8am through 6pm.
- The number of spaces allocated for 2, 4, and 10-hour limit parking zones has not changed.
- There is no change to the number or location of existing permit spaces.
- Contactless payments can be made via smartphone application, by text, by website, or by phone call. Parking time is purchased in increments of 15 minutes with the first 30 minutes free.
- Meters are coin-operated and do not require use of any contactless payment option or smartphone. Meter operation is the same as across the rest of the city – with time increments purchased by type of coin used and with most meters equipped to provide the first 15 minutes for free.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Check out the Lakewood Family Room

The Lakewood Family Room is a program from Lakewood's Department of Human Services. All programs are **FREE** to Lakewood residents and do not require registration.

Check out the programs and the November/December drop-in schedule [here](#).

Fall Leaf Collection Underway

The City of Lakewood began collecting leaves on November 1st, and will continue through Friday, December 10, 2021, weather permitting.

Leaves can also be placed in paper yard/leaf bags (no plastic bags) and set out on your regular refuse and recycling collection day. Limited bulk leaf collection may occur after December 10 if weather conditions warrant an extension of leaf collection. Due to the large volume of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue, there will be additional pick-ups for those streets.

Residents should always place leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection. The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Our goal is to make at least three passes through the entire city.

For daily leaf collection schedule updates and more information, click [here](#).



Community



On Thursday, October 28th, Firefighters/Paramedics Nick Boatman and Dan Santry assisted Fire Marshal Fairbanks in delivering important safety messages to the Harrison Elementary After Care program and celebrated National First Responders Day.

Students were instructed on how to call 9-1-1 for emergencies, shown the firefighter's gear and cheered on the firefighters as they raced to put their gear on. The firefighters then showed the students

the fire truck and ambulance, finishing off the day with everyone taking turns with the hose.

The Lakewood Fire Department will install new smoke detectors and change batteries in the homes of senior residents on November 6th.

City of Lakewood Partnering with Sustainability Solutions Group to Develop City-Wide Climate Action Plan

The City of Lakewood announced on October 26th that Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG) has been chosen as the consultant to help Lakewood develop and implement its Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP's data collection has begun, and public engagement opportunities will occur over the course of the project. The final plan is expected to be completed Fall 2022. For more information, click [here](#).

The City of Lakewood is Hiring!

The City of Lakewood is currently seeking applicants for the following openings:

- Full-time Entry patrol officer
- Part-time Customer service representative
- Full-time Finance Manager
- Full-time building inspector
- Part-time School Crossing Guard
- Part-time Division of Aging Bus Driver



For further details regarding all our job opportunities and to apply, please visit [here](#).

Thanksgiving Fire Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.

